(e) whether any Central assistance is proposed to be provided to the State Government to waive the loan; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Rajasthan has constructed lined field channels in the command of Indira Gandhi Nahar Project (IGNP) in Rajasthan.

(b) and (c) After the completion of the field channels, the loans taken for such works by the farmers through Rajasthan Land Development Corporation (RLDC) was to be repaid by the farmers as per the rules of RLDC, However, this repayment has been stayed by the State Government since 20.7.1987 till further orders in IGNP area. This stay does not apply to loans taken by farmers for this purpose directly from commercial banks/ co-operative banks.

For the loans taken by the farmers through RLDC, the State Government is at present repaying the principal and interest to the banks on behalf of the farmers.

(d) and (e) No such proposal is under consideration of Union Government.

(f) Question does not arise.

Homeopathy Dispensaries

1834. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Airlines and Air India have Homeopathy dispensaries; and

(b) if not, the time by which Homeopathy dispensaries in Indian Airlines and Air India are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Air India has a Homeopathy clinic at Old Airport Medical Centre, Mumbai. Indian Airlines has no Homeopathy dispensary nor does it have any plan at present to set up such a dispensary.

[English]

Circulation of Draft Bill on Ground Water

1835. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :
SHRI HARIN PATHAK :
SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have circulated any model draft bill on Ground Water to all the State Governments for their suggestions and comments;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the comments/ suggestions received by the State Government thereon;

(c) whether the proposed bill has been finalised;

(d) if so, whether it is proposed to be laid before the Parliament; and

(e) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) The Union Government have circulated a Model Bill to all the States/Union Territories to enable them to enact suitable legislation for regulation and control of ground water development. So far only the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh have enacted legislations for this purpose.

(c) Water being a state subject, suitable legislation on the line of the Model Bill has to be enacted by the State Governments.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Decline in Ground Water Level in M.P.

1836. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN :
SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ground water level in plateau region of Madhya Pradesh is constantly declining as a result of which several hand pumps have become out of order;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to maintain the availability of potable water and to check the decline in ground water level;

(c) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government has formulated any scheme for raising the ground water level of affected areas;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to provide Central assistance for the implementation of the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) As per the survey conducted by the Central Ground Water Board, decline in the level of ground water in some parts of plateau region of Madhya Pradesh has been observed as a result of which a number of hand pumps in the area have become inoperative.

(b) The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has established Rajiv Gandhi Watershed Mission to undertake water conservation, soil conservation and recharge measures through scientific methods. The